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Biden defends FBI, promotes ban on assault-style weapons

By CHRIS MEGERIAN and MARC LEVY

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)

— President Joe Biden on Tuesday forcefully defended the FBI as the agency and its employees have come under withering criticism and threats of violence since executing a search warrant at former President Donald Trump's Florida residence earlier this month.

"It's sickening to see the new attacks on the FBI, threatening the life of law enforcement and their families, for simply carrying out the law and doing their job," Biden said before a crowd of more than 500 at Wilkes University. "I'm opposed to defunding the police; I'm also opposed to defunding the FBI."

Biden also used his remarks

Tuesday to promote his administration's crime-prevention efforts and to continue to pressure Congress to revive a long-expired federal ban on assault-style weapons. Democrats and Republicans worked together in a rare effort to pass gun safety legislation earlier this year after massacres in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas.

They were the first significant firearm restrictions approved by Congress in nearly three decades, but Biden has repeatedly said more needs to be done.

"We beat the NRA. We took them on and beat the NRA straight up.

You have no idea how intimidating they are to elected officials," an animated Biden said.

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Wilkes-Barre Fire Department Chief Jay Delaney and Police Chief Joseph Coffay listen, as President Joe Biden speaks at the Arnaud C. Marts Center on the campus of Wilkes University, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"We're not stopping here. I'm determined to ban assault weapons in this country! Determined. I did it once before. And I'll do it again."

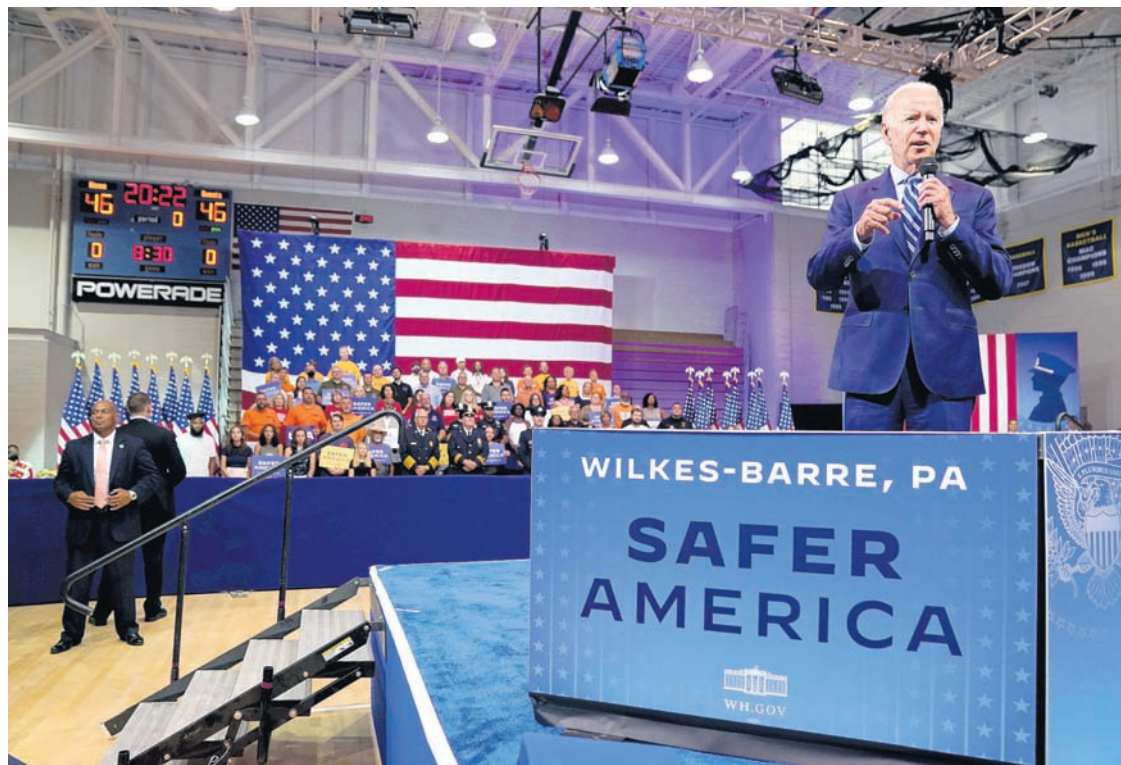
As a U.S. senator, Biden played a leading role in temporarily banning assault-style weapons, including firearms similar to the AR-15 that have exploded in popularity in recent years, and he wants to put the law back into place. Biden argued that there was no rationale for such weapons "outside of a war zone" and noted that parents of the young victims at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde had to supply DNA because the weapon used in the massacre rendered the bodies unidentifiable.

"DNA, to say that's my baby!" Biden said. "What the hell is the matter with us?"

Tuesday's speech marked Biden's first of three trips to Pennsylvania in the coming week, underscoring the state's role as a key political battleground. Trump is hosting his own rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday.

Democrats are trying to blunt Republican efforts to use concern about crime to their advantage in the midterms. It's a particularly fraught issue in Pennsylvania, a key swing state where a U.S. Senate seat and the governor's office are up for grabs.

The Republican candidate for governor, Doug Mastriano, accuses Democrat Josh Shapiro of being soft on crime as the state's twice-elected attorney general, saying at one re-



President Joe Biden speaks at the Arnaud C. Marts Center on the campus of Wilkes University, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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cent event that crime has gone up on his opponent's watch and that Shapiro "stands aside" as homicides rise across Pennsylvania.

Homicides have been increasing in Pennsylvania, but overall crime seems to have fallen over the last year, according to state statistics.

As attorney general since 2017, Shapiro has toured the state discussing the need to crack down on gun trafficking and ghost guns, and to recruit more police officers. Last December, he said that state agents and Philadelphia police officers working together had reduced the number of shootings in areas that were confronting gun violence related to drug trafficking.

"The real heroes here are the people who put on the

uniform every single day," said Shapiro, who spoke shortly before Biden's remarks at Wilkes University. "We know that policing is a noble profession, and we know that we need to stand with law enforcement."

In the U.S. Senate race, heart surgeon turned television celebrity Dr. Mehmet Oz, the Republican nominee, has tried to portray the Democratic candidate, Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, as extreme and reckless on crime policy.

Fetterman has endorsed recommendations that more geriatric and rehabilitated prisoners can be released from state prisons without harming public safety. Oz and Republicans have distorted that into the claim that Fetterman wants to release "dangerous crim-

inals" from prisons or that he's in favor of "emptying prisons."

Fetterman was not in Wilkes-Barre with Biden on Tuesday, but he's expected to march in Pittsburgh's Labor Day parade when the president visits Sept. 5. Biden also will be in Pennsylvania on Thursday for a prime-time speech that the White House said will address "the continued battle for the soul of the nation" and defending democracy. It's unclear whether crime will end up as a pivotal issue in November.

Only 11% of U.S. adults named crime or violence as one of the top five issues they consider most important for the government to work on in the next year, according to an AP-NORC poll conducted in June. That's unchanged since

December, and it's well below the percentage naming many of the other top issues for Americans.

Biden has tried to balance his approach to crime by acknowledging voters' fears and praising law enforcement, but also urging more accountability for officers. The White House has also repeatedly promoted the additional funding for local police that was tucked into its sweeping coronavirus relief package in the early months of Biden's presidency.

He's rejected the activist slogan "defund the police," which Republicans have used as a cudgel against Democrats in general, by calling for more money for cops.

Biden's trip to Wilkes-Barre was originally scheduled for July 21 but was cancelled when the president contracted COVID-19 and went into isolation while he was contagious.

Biden has laid out a \$37 billion plan for addressing crime and boosting law enforcement resources. He wants Congress to spend \$13 billion to help communities hire and train 100,000 police officers over five years. Another \$3 billion would go to clearing court backlogs and resolving cases involving murders and guns, and \$5 billion more would go to support programs that could help stop violence before it occurs. In addition, Biden is looking for \$15 billion to provide grants to initiatives for preventing violent crime or creating public health responses to nonviolent incidents. □

New political restrictions set for Justice Dept. appointees

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department will no longer allow political appointees to go to fundraisers and other campaign events under restrictions handed down Tuesday that are aimed at maintaining the department's independence from politics. Attorney General Merrick Garland, who is currently overseeing investigations including the FBI search of former President Donald

Trump's home and the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot, said in a memo that the restrictions are to ensure that politics "both in fact and appearance" won't affect the way the law is enforced or how inquiries are carried out.

Appointees, hired under presidential administrations rather than making long careers at the Justice Department, have been allowed to attend political events passively on their personal time with prior ap-

proval. The new policy bans attendance altogether.

It also removes an exception that had allowed people with close family members running for office to attend political events during presidential election years, and it bars attending such events on the evening of Election Day.

"It is critical that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards to avoid even the appearance of political influence as we

carry out the department's mission," Garland wrote.

On his first day in office more than a year ago, Garland vowed to prioritize the Justice Department's political independence after the departure of Trump, who had insisted on officials' personal loyalty.

More recently, Trump and his allies have sought to cast the Aug. 9 search at Mar-a-Lago — part of an investigation into the removal of classified records

— as a political weaponization of the Justice Department. A rash of online threats against federal agents followed. □



New York to restrict gun carrying after Supreme Court ruling

By **MICHAEL HILL, MAY-SOON KHAN and BOBBY CAINA CALVAN**

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid the bright lights and electronic billboards across New York's Times Square, city authorities are posting new signs proclaiming the bustling crossroads a "Gun Free Zone."

The sprawling Manhattan tourist attraction is one of scores of "sensitive" places — including parks, churches and theaters — that will be off limits for guns under a sweeping new state law going into effect Thursday. The measure, passed after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June expanded gun rights, also sets stringent standards for issuing concealed carry permits.

New York is among a half-dozen states that had key provisions of its gun laws invalidated by the high court because of a requirement for applicants to prove they had "proper cause" for a permit. Gov. Kathy Hochul said Friday that she and her fellow Democrats in the state Legislature took action the next week because the ruling "destroyed the ability for a governor to be able to protect her citizens from people who carry concealed weapons anywhere they choose." The quickly adopted law, however, has led to confusion and court challenges from gun owners who say it improperly limits their constitutional rights.

"They seem to be designed less towards addressing gun violence and more towards simply preventing people from getting guns — even if those people are law-abiding, upstanding citizens, who according to the Supreme Court have the rights to have them," said Jonathan Corbett, a Brooklyn attorney and permit applicant who is one of several people challenging the law in court.

Under the law, applicants for a concealed carry permit will have to complete 16 hours of classroom training and two hours of live-fire exercises. Ordinary citizens would be prohibited from bringing guns



A Taran tactical combat master hand gun is displayed for sale, June 23, 2022, in Hempstead, New York.

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to schools, churches, subways, theaters and amusement parks — among other places deemed "sensitive" by authorities.

Applicants also will have to provide a list of social media accounts for the past three years as part of a "character and conduct" review. The requirement was added because shooters have sometimes dropped hints of violence online before they opened fire on people.

Sheriffs in some upstate counties said the additional work for their investigators could add to existing backlogs in processing applications. In Rochester, Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter said it currently takes two to four hours to perform a pistol permit background check on a "clean" candidate. He estimate the new law will add another one to three hours for each permit. The county has about 600 pending pistol permits. "It's going to slow everything down just a bit more," he said.

In the Mohawk Valley, Fulton County Sheriff Richard C. Giardino had questions on how the digital sleuthing would proceed.

"It says three years worth of your social media. We're not going to print out three years of social media posts by everybody. If you look at my Facebook, I send out

six or 10 things a day," said the sheriff, a former district attorney and judge.

The list of prohibited spaces for carrying guns has drawn criticism from advocates who say it's so extensive it will make it difficult for people with permits to move about in public. People carrying a gun could go into private business only with permission, such as a sign posted on the window. Giardino has already started giving out signs to local businesses saying people can carry legal firearms on the premises. Jennifer Elson, who owns the Let's Twist Again Diner in Amsterdam, said she put up the sheriff's sign, along with one of her own reading in part "per our governor, we have to post this nonsense. □"

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FDA chief says long-awaited opioid review still in the works

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-awaited review of prescription opioid medications, including their risks and contribution to the U.S. overdose epidemic, is still underway at the Food and Drug Administration, the agency's commissioner said Tuesday.

Dr. Robert Califf wrote in a blog entry that the FDA is still studying "what revisions are needed to support appropriate use" of opioid painkillers and "lessons learned" by the agency. The update comes as part of a broader outline of the FDA's ideas and initiatives for combating drug misuse and addiction.

Califf told The Associated Press that the sheer scale of the epidemic makes potential remedies a challenge.

"Almost everything that we want to do involves some other entity or part of society that we need to work with to figure things out," Califf said in an interview Tuesday.

Califf promised to conduct a full review of FDA's approach to opioids, including their prescribing instructions, to clinch Senate confirmation early this year. He told the AP last month that



Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Robert Califf testifies before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions during a hearing on the nationwide baby formula shortage on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, May 26, 2022.

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the public would soon hear "a lot more about this."

Part of the delay in reassessing the drugs is that makers of long-acting opioids didn't originally study the medications' effectiveness for long-term pain, which carries risks of addiction and overdose. FDA-mandated studies to get at that question have dragged on for years.

"FDA does its best when it has high quality evidence,

and we don't have high quality evidence now," Califf said, adding that it may ultimately take government-run studies to answer the question of long-term opioid safety and effectiveness.

Tuesday's update is also unlikely to appease Califf's critics in Congress, including five Senate Democrats who voted against his nomination, largely over concerns that the FDA hasn't

taken bolder action to reduce opioid prescribing and misuse.

It's not the first attempt at a reset on opioids for the FDA — or even for Califf. During his brief stint as FDA commissioner at the end of the Obama administration, Califf had also vowed to conduct a "sweeping review" of opioids.

Dr. Andrew Kolodny, an FDA critic who has testified against drugmakers in

court, said Califf must do more than review FDA's "lessons learned" on opioids.

"He also needs to take on the heavier lift of correcting past mistakes" by removing unproven medications from the market, said Kolodny, who leads a group that favors tighter opioid prescribing.

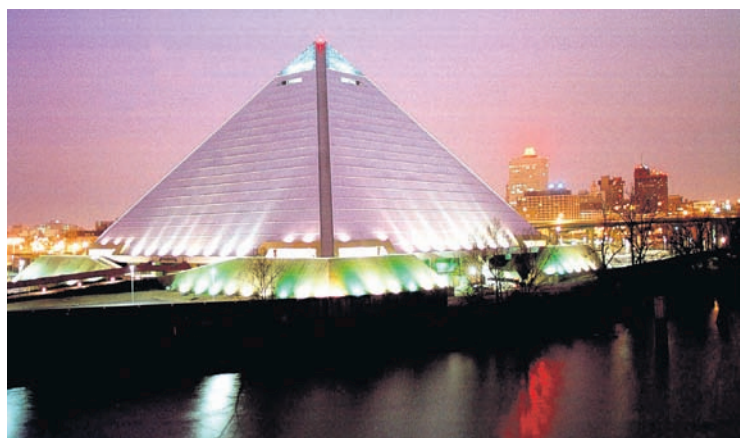
Last year, U.S. overdose deaths soared to a record of 107,000, driven overwhelmingly by fentanyl and other illegal opioids. Opioid prescriptions have fallen about 40% in the last decade but deaths tied to the medications remain at 13,000 to 14,000 per year.

Califf's post lays out a framework for combating drug addiction and overdoses overall, focusing on reducing inappropriate prescribing, developing new addiction and overdose therapies and shutting down suppliers of illicit drugs.

But many of the agency's specific ideas have failed to gain traction.

For example, a recent FDA proposal that would require pharmacies to dispense "mail-back" envelopes with every opioid prescription has faced resistance from pharmacists, drugmakers and other groups. □

Census undercounted Memphis by 16,000 residents, mayor says



The Memphis, Tenn., skyline is dominated by the Memphis Pyramid, an arena that sits on the Mississippi River, shown in this February 1999 image.

Associated Press

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**

Associated Press

The mayor of Memphis, Tennessee, says the 2020 census undercounted his city by almost 16,000 residents, leading him to join other big cities in challeng-

ing the results of the once-a-decade head count in the U.S.

Mayor Jim Strickland says the census missed 15,895 residents, and that Memphis actually grew for the first time in 50 years be-

tween 2010 and 2020. The 2020 census, however, said Memphis had 633,104 residents in 2020, a drop of 13,785 residents from 2010. The count failed to include an area that had been annexed in 2013, and it missed thousands of homes, mostly in newly constructed, multi-family buildings, resulting in an undercount of 6,322 housing units, Strickland said in an Aug. 19 letter to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"The Census count was wrong. The gains we have seen in investments in Memphis, especially in the core city, over the last few years tell a different story," Strickland said in a weekly bulletin to his constituents. The 2020 census missed 4.8% of Tennessee's population, the second high-

est undercount of any U.S. state, according to a state-by-state evaluation the Census Bureau did of how good a count it conducted.

Along with Arkansas, Florida and Texas, Tennessee did not direct as many resources as other states toward encouraging residents to fill out census forms.

Memphis joins Austin, Texas, and Detroit among the largest U.S. cities appealing the population counts used in the distribution of \$1.5 trillion in federal funding each year.

As of last week, around four dozen cities, towns, villages and tribal areas have challenged their figures from the 2020 census, which faced unprecedented challenges, including

the coronavirus pandemic, hurricanes and wildfires, and political interference from then-President Donald Trump's administration.

The 2020 census undercounted the overall U.S. population by only 0.24%. But several minority groups were undercounted at greater rates than in the previous decade. Historically, racial and ethnic minorities, renters and young children are at greatest risk of being undercounted.

States and municipalities have until the middle of next year to appeal their census figures, but challenges are rarely successful, and they won't change the number of congressional seats each state gets, or the numbers used for redrawing political districts. □

U.S. Navy says Iran seized, later let go of American sea drone

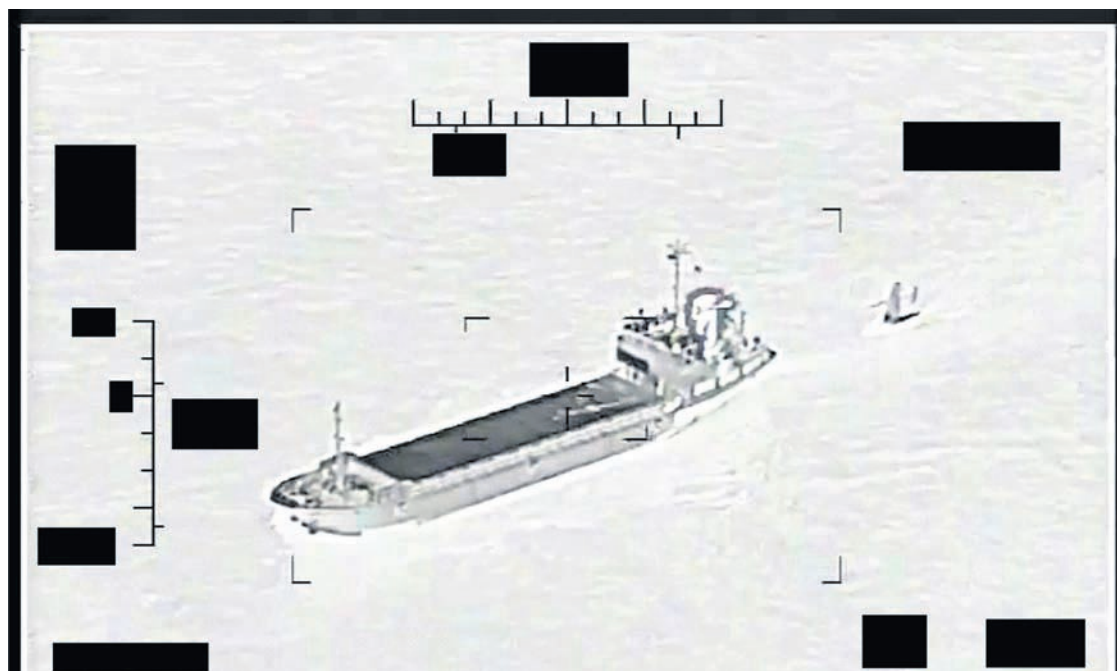
By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard seized an American sea drone Tuesday in the Persian Gulf and tried to tow it away, only releasing the unmanned vessel when a U.S. Navy warship and helicopter approached, officials said.

The incident marks the first time the Navy's Mideast-based 5th Fleet's new drone task force has been targeted by Iran.

While the interception ended without incident, tensions remain high between Washington and Tehran as negotiations over the Islamic Republic's tattered nuclear deal with world powers hang in the balance. The Guard's Shahid Bazair warship attached a line to the Saildrone Explorer in the central part of the Persian Gulf in international waters late Monday night, said Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, a



This photo released by the U.S. Navy shows the Iranian Revolutionary Guard ship Shahid Bazair, left, towing a U.S. Navy Saildrone Explorer in the Persian Gulf on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

Associated Press

5th Fleet spokesman. The vessel then began towing the Saildrone Explorer, which carries cameras, radars and sensors for remotely monitoring the sea, Hawkins said.

The USS Thunderbolt, a Navy coastal patrol boat, as well

as an MH-60 Seahawk helicopter, moved to shadow the Guard's ship.

The Navy called the Shahid Bazair by radio to identify the drone as American, Hawkins said.

"Our response was one that as such made clear that this

was U.S. government property and was operating in international waters and that we had every intention to take action if necessary," the commander told The Associated Press.

Hawkins said the incident ended peacefully after

some four hours as the Iranians unhooked the tow line to the drone and left the area as the American forces were nearby.

U.S. Army Gen. Michael "Erik" Kurilla, who leads the military's Central Command, praised the Thunderbolt's crew for its response. "This incident once again demonstrates Iran's continued destabilizing, illegal and unprofessional activity in the Middle East," he said in a statement.

Iran's paramilitary Guard, which answers only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, did not acknowledge the incident. Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 5th Fleet launched its unmanned Task Force 59 last year. The 5th Fleet's area of responsibility includes the crucial Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all oil passes. □

Dutch defense minister concerned about U.S. gun violence



Dutch Defense Minister Kajsa Ollongren speaks with the media as she arrives for a meeting of EU Defense Ministers at the Prague Congress Center in Prague, Czech Republic, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

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PRAGUE (AP) — Dutch Defense Minister Kajsa Ollongren expressed concern Tuesday about gun violence in the United States in the aftermath of a shooting in Indianapolis over the weekend that left one Dutch soldier dead and two wounded.

"We do many trainings

of our servicemen in the United States, and we really don't expect this to happen. So it's very, very concerning for us." Ollongren told The Associated Press at a meeting of European Union defense ministers in Prague. A 26-year-old member of the Dutch Commando Corps, identified by U.S. authorities as Simmie Poetsema, died of his injuries "surrounded by family and colleagues," the Dutch Defense Ministry said in a statement Monday. Poetsema and the two other soldiers were shot after what Indianapolis police believe was a disturbance outside the hotel where they were staying about 3:30 a.m. Saturday near several downtown bars and nightclubs, authorities said.

The soldiers were in the U.S. for training exercises at a southern Indiana military base. □

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Danube drought reveals parts of hidden World War II history

By **DUSAN STOJANOVIC**

Associated Press

PRAHOVO, Serbia (AP) —

The worst drought in Europe in decades hasn't only scorched farmland and hampered river traffic, it also has exposed a part of almost forgotten World War II history: The hulks of dozens of World War II German battleships have emerged from the Danube River as its water levels have dropped. In the middle of the mighty river separating Serbia and Romania near the Serbian port of Prahovo, a rusty hull, a broken mast where the swastika flag used to fly, an upper deck where a command bridge used to be, a barrel that could have been holding fuel or even explosive materials lean on a pebblestone dune that has emerged from the water.

The ships, some still laden with munition, belonged to Nazi Germany's Black Sea fleet that was deliberately sunk by the Germans as they retreated from Romania as Soviet forces advanced.

Historians say up to 200 German warships were scuttled in September 1944 near Prahovo in the Dan-



The wreckage of a WWII German warship is seen in the Danube river near Prahovo, Serbia, Monday, Aug. 29, 2022.

Associated Press

ube gorge known as The Iron Gate on the orders of the fleet's commander as they came under heavy fire from the Soviets. The idea behind the deliberate sinking was to at least slow down the Soviet advance in the Balkans. But it didn't help as Nazi Germany surrendered months later, in May 1945.

The unusually hot weather across Europe this summer was linked by scientists to global warming and other

factors. The dropping water levels created dangerous conditions for shipping on many rivers on the continent, including the Danube, Europe's second-longest river that flows through 10 nations. Authorities in Serbia have used dredging to keep vessels moving.

The wrecks appearing from the depths are an impressive sight, but they have caused decades of trouble for those using the river, and now the Serbian govern-

ment, with European Union support, is planning to do something about them.

Some of the wrecks were removed from the river by the Communist Yugoslav authorities right after the war.

But most of them remained, hampering shipping, especially in summer when water levels are low. For years there were plans to take the ships out of the muddy waters, but the operation was considered too risky

because of the explosives they carried and there were no funds to do it until recently.

Now, the European Union and the European Investment Bank have agreed to provide loans and grants to finance the operation to remove some of the vessels near Prahovo in order to improve the traffic capacity of the Danube.

The total cost of the operation is estimated at 30 million euros (\$30 million), of which about 16 million are grants.

"These vessels have been sunk and they have been lying on the river bed ever since," the EU ambassador to Serbia, Emanuele Giaufret, said during a recent trip to the wreckage site. "And this is a problem."

It's a problem for the traffic on the Danube, it restricts the capacity to move, it's a hazard because certain vessels still contain unexploded ordnance."

Accompanying Giaufret was Alessandro Bragonzi, the head of the European Investment Bank in the Western Balkans. He said the project consists of the removal of 21 sunken vessels. □

Angolan opposition UNITA rejects ruling party's election win



Main opposition leader Adalberto Costa Junior in Luanda, Angola, Wednesday July 13, 2022.

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Angola's opposition party has filed a complaint against the election victory of the ruling MPLA party in which President Joao Lourenco won a second term and the party got a reduced

majority in the legislature. The main opposition party, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, known as UNITA, said Tuesday that it has submitted an objection to the results.

"UNITA reiterates that it will not recognize the results announced by the National Electoral Commission until the complaints already in its possession are resolved," the party said in a statement.

If UNITA's written complaint is rejected, the party can take the objection to the Constitutional Court, which must rule on the complaint within 72 hours, according to Angola's electoral regulations.

The Peoples Movement for the Liberation of Angola, known by its Portuguese acronym MPLA, won with 51% of the votes cast, extending its 47-year rule of the country, according to the electoral commission's results.

As the party's leader, Lourenco, 68, welcomed the official results which have

given him a second five-year presidential term.

UNITA got its best-ever result, coming in second with about 44% of the votes, according to the electoral commission.

However, UNITA on Tuesday claimed that according to its calculations it should have won the election with 64% of the vote.

Although UNITA's leader, Adalberto Costa Junior has rejected the official results, he has urged calm. There have been no reports of major demonstrations in the capital, Luanda, or other cities.

Voter turnout was low on voting day last week with just 45.7% of registered voters casting their ballots.

In the national legislature, the MPLA lost the two-thirds majority that it needs to pass major bills, although

it won a majority with 124 of the National Assembly's 220 seats. UNITA has nearly doubled its presence in the legislature to 90 seats. The remaining seats were won by smaller parties.

UNITA had campaigned for the support of Angola's young, urban population and it won in Luanda, Angola's most populous province, and in Cabinda and Zaire, the country's main oil-producing provinces.

Angola is Africa's second-largest producer of oil and has rich diamond deposits, but the majority of the southern African country's 34 million people remain in poverty, according to the U.N., and unemployment is currently above 30%.

Both the MPLA and UNITA are former rebel movements that fought Portuguese colonial rule. □

Venezuela, Colombia take step toward normalizing ties

By REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The governments of Venezuela and Colombia took a step toward normalizing ties Monday when President Nicolás Maduro hosted an event to welcome the newly appointed ambassador from the neighboring country, a post that had been empty since 2019 over a diplomatic impasse. Colombian Ambassador Armando Benedetti met with Maduro a day after arriving in Venezuela. He was designated to the post by new President Gustavo Petro, who abandoned his conservative predecessor's opposition to Maduro and vowed to re-establish relations with his government. Maduro and Benedetti met at the Miraflores Palace in the capital, Caracas.

Colombia, for decades the region's strongest ally of the United States, was among dozens of countries that withdrew recognition of Maduro as Venezuela's legitimate leader after his 2018 re-election, which they argued was fraudulent.

Petro, Colombia's first leftist president, and Maduro have expressed willingness to build a new stage of cooperation, including the re-



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, right, meets Colombia's new ambassador Armando Benedetti at Miraflores Palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Aug 29, 2022. Colombia has not had an ambassador in Venezuela since Feb. 2019.

Associated Press

opening of border crossing bridges to commercial traffic, the renewal of military collaboration to ease tensions in areas where armed groups operate and the resumption of Colombian consular services in Venezuela.

Venezuela's ambassador to Colombia, Felix Plasencia, also arrived at his post Sunday.

Maduro expelled all Colombian diplomats in February 2019. He maintains

that former Colombian President Iván Duque for years promoted plans to topple his government.

Neither Maduro nor Benedetti made public statements immediately after their meeting. Benedetti earlier said he would speak with Maduro about a presidential meeting with Petro. In 2010, when tensions ran high between the countries, a visit by Maduro's mentor and predecessor, the late President Hugo

Chávez, to Colombia led to improved relations. Colombia's then-President Juan Manuel Santos even called Chávez his "new best friend."

However, Ronal Rodríguez, a researcher at the Rosario University's Venezuela Observatory, told The Associated Press that a meeting between Petro and Maduro in Colombia today could be more complex.

"There could be protests from the Venezuelan pop-

ulation in Colombia," Rodríguez said. Of the more than 6 million Venezuelans who have left their country as a result of a protracted crisis, about 2 million live in Colombia.

Duque supported the economic sanctions the U.S. and European Union imposed on Venezuela and repeatedly accused Maduro of protecting some Colombian rebels. Maduro, meanwhile, accused Duque's government of allowing people within Colombia to plot against Venezuela.

Colombia and Venezuela share a border of about 1,370 miles (2,200 kilometers). Bandits, drug traffickers, paramilitary groups and guerrillas take advantage of the remote and desolate landscape to operate, though that did not deter legal trade before Maduro ordered the closure of official border crossing points in 2015.

Maduro ordered the border shutdown as a result of an attack suffered by three soldiers and a civilian in a border town when they were carrying out anti-smuggling operations. Foot traffic eventually resumed, and some cargo continued to move through the northernmost bridge. □

Russian media: Ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev dead at 91

By JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press
MOSCOW (AP)

— Mikhail Gorbachev, who as the last leader of the Soviet Union waged a losing battle to salvage a crumbling empire but produced extraordinary reforms that led to the end of the Cold War, has died at 91, Russian media reported Thursday.

News organizations quoted a statement from the Central Clinical Hospital as saying he died after a long illness. No other details were given.

Though in power less than seven years, Gorbachev unleashed a breathtaking series of changes. But they quickly overtook him and resulted in the col-

lapse of the authoritarian Soviet state, the freeing of Eastern European nations from Russian domination and the end of decades of East-West nuclear confrontation.

His decline was humiliating. His power hopelessly sapped by an attempted coup against him in August 1991, he spent his last months in office watching republic after republic declare independence until he resigned on Dec. 25, 1991. The Soviet Union wrote itself into oblivion a day later.

A quarter-century after the collapse, Gorbachev told The Associated Press that he had not considered using widespread force to try to keep the USSR together

because he feared chaos in a nuclear country.

"The country was loaded to the brim with weapons. And it would have immediately pushed the country into a civil war," he said. Many of the changes, including the Soviet breakup, bore no resemblance to the transformation that Gorbachev had envisioned when he became the Soviet leader in March 1985.

By the end of his rule he was powerless to halt the whirlwind he had sown. Yet Gorbachev may have had a greater impact on the second half of the 20th century than any other political figure.

"I see myself as a man who started the reforms that



Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev speaks to the Associated Press during an interview at his foundation's headquarters, in Moscow, Russia, Friday, Dec. 9, 2016.

Associated Press

were necessary for the country and for Europe and the world," Gorbachev told The AP in a 1992 interview shortly after he left office.

"I am often asked, would I have started it all again if I had to repeat it? Yes, indeed. And with more persistence and determination," he said. □

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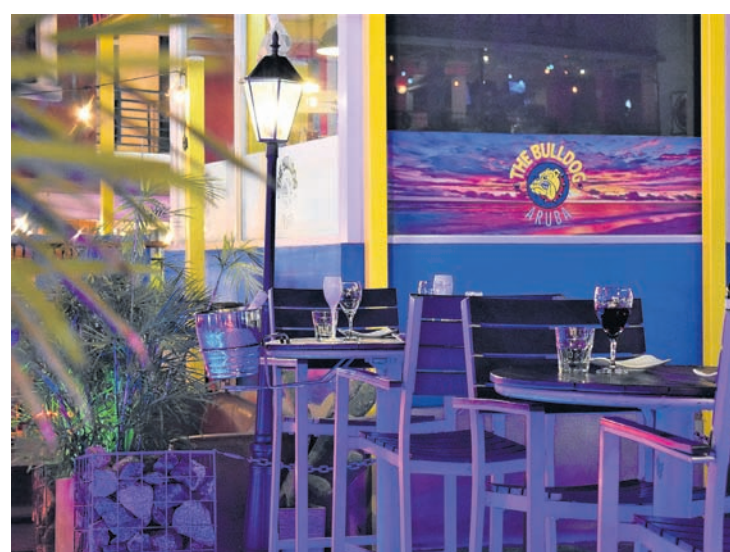
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Ling & Sons Food Market, the largest supermarket in Aruba is welcoming the Hendrickx Baker concept to its bakery. A premium concept, new to Aruba where quality comes first and where you can find the best breads and banquet products from Europe.



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The bakery will stay open during the makeover process, and will be ready on September 9, 2022.

You are invited on Saturday September 10th 2022 to come and experi-

ence our new bakery for yourself. Meet the Master Bakery Hendrickx, try our new bakery line and participate to win a bakery package Giveaway.

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Aruban Contemporary Art

Episode CLXIX - 169

Etnia Nativa through Island Insight shares our native cultural awareness, educates and safeguarding Aruba's heritage by elevating each reader into an island keeper state of mind. Be encouraged to discover in every episode the true native effect, live it, discover more reasons to love Aruba and live up your island adventure in an authentic revealing way.

Our island is a tiny tourist destination with a fragile ecosystem, covering thousands of years of history. Here is when Etnia Nativa's main objective comes to mind, sharing information through education.

If you're a history and culture buff, there's no shortage of places on our island to visit. Whether you want to go searching for the Gold Mines, witness the "Dera Gai" Festivals, visit Alto Vista, Church at Noord or the California Light House, our ancient rock art sites. Also you can discover historical architecture in the Oranjestad and the Past Monuments and get your culture fix when you uncover Island Insight.

In this episode we explain how Aruba's picturesque landscape has made a lasting impression on visiting artists in particular Johannes Pandellis, a Greek painter who influenced many locals. His works remanises of how Aruba was in a time gone bye. Water colours of nostalgic, peace full and historic moments. How the island was it's inspired a vibrant, longstanding artist community where from all around the world have followed pigmenting mythical views, graffiti, and more onto city walls.

Talking about "Dutch" Caribbean art in the 20th century', it is obvious that we cannot mention all those who participated and contributed with their love, passion and talentfull expressionism, marked by exuberance, rebelliousness, impulses and emotions related to the artist's temperament.

The expressionist miscegenation of the Dutch Caribbean combines realism and surrealism, alternating and adding abstraction and figuration, according to the individual options of an artistic expression in constant renewal, in the mid-1940s or post WWII, a particular style began to emerge despite the various shared



roots, they made contemporary Aruban art constantly adapt to positive changes. However, Aruba's indigenous heritage and heritage legacy maintained its strong aesthetic values.

In the pictorial works of this particular Greek artist: Johannes Pandellis we can see that strong heritage legacy of our island. Johannes Pandellis (1896-1965) who went first to Suriname during the First World War and then left for Curacao in 1929, was one of the earliest artists working and art teacher in the region, from who's many works are still very valued by collectors in auctions.

Through bibliographies and documentation of the time we learned that Johannes Pandellis taught art classes on our island at "Lago Colony". We also know that he was married to a woman of Indonesian origin and that the couple had a daughter named Lislotte who worked in Fanny's shop in town. Several residents of Lago Colony during that time took art classes with him and many are the ones who surprise us so far by tell-

ing us certain anecdotes as well as that they still have paintings by Johannes on the walls of their homes.

The artistic works of Johannes Pandellis show the splendor of the Caribbean Sea framing the background in addition to the indescribable and emblematic "pastel" tones that characterize his works. Some of his paintings was seen hanging on a wall in the hall of the Colony Service Administration building. The stories told from generation to generation tell us that several health professionals who at that time worked at the Lago Colony hospital took art classes from Johannes Pandellis and even that one of them Dr. Stritch, an outstanding professional at the Lago Hospital He abandoned his medical practice and became a full-time painter. Several of his paintings were sold to residents of the colony. For a time there were annual art shows at the Esso Club. □



If you love Aruba interested in its origins and its cultural heritage, we invite you to be part of an exclusive visit at Etnia Nativa -a visit off the tourist grid- private residential house sharing collections of native art, archaeological artifacts and historic furniture, while the facility itself is the result of the transforming and recycling of materials. Meet Anthony Croes, our columnist at his museum/ home. The only and authentic native Aruban cultural encounter! Live the experience. R.S.V.P. Whatsapp + 297 592 2702- or mail: etnianativa03@gmail.com

Millennial Money: Don't let money 'rules' get you down

By **KELSEY SHEEHY** of Nerd-Wallet

Put 20% down when buying a home. Don't spend more than 30% of your income on housing costs. Keep child care expenses below 10% of your annual household income.

These money rules of thumb can be useful guardrails, helping you allocate spending and determine what's affordable. They can also be incredibly defeating when they feel unattainable.

If money "rules" feel completely detached from your reality, know this: The average American doesn't come close to hitting many of the popular money rules. And that's OK.

"If you treat 'rules of thumb' as rigid rules, you're setting yourself up for frustration," says William O'Donnell, president of Heartland Financial Solutions in Bellevue, Nebraska. "The thing people tend to forget is that guidelines are flexible because everybody's situation is different."

What's important is having a handle on your expenses and building a spending plan that works for you, not some ideal. Here's how to view money rules of thumb in the context of your own



The likeness of Benjamin Franklin is seen on U.S. \$100 bills, Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Marple Township, Pa.

personal financial reality.

THE RULE: Divide your budget into needs (50%), wants (30%) and savings (20%).

THE REALITY: Housing alone can easily eat up half of your take-home pay. The 50/30/20 rule is a popular budgeting framework that divvies up after-tax income into three buckets: needs, wants and savings. But must-pay expenses can bust that budget before you even get started.

In 2020, for example, 23% of

American renters spent half or more of their income on rent alone, according to the most recent data available from the U.S. Census Bureau. Add in other needs — utilities, groceries, transportation, insurance, child care and debt payments — and there's little, if anything, left over for wants or savings.

Don't scrap your budget if the buckets don't work. Instead, embrace the principle and adjust the frame-

work to fit your current financial situation with an eye toward where you'd like to be long-term. Sure, it may be more of an 85/10/5 budget now, but over time you can move closer to your ideal balance. Simply tracking all of your expenses is a good start; you'll see where every dollar is going and can make more informed decisions about your spending.

THE RULE: Don't spend more than 7% of your household

income on child care.

THE REALITY: Most families spend 20% or more on child care.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services considers spending more than 7% of your annual household income on child care unaffordable.

But a whopping 51% of parents spend more than 20%, according to a 2022 survey from Care.com, which interviewed more than 3,000 parents paying for child care. There are few things you can do to dramatically cut child care costs, but discounts and scholarships may be available, depending on your state and child care situation.

A dependent care flexible spending account is another option. If your employer offers it, you can contribute up to \$5,000 pretax and use the funds to help pay for a nanny, day care, after-school care and summer camp registration, among other things.

THE RULE: You need a 20% down payment to buy a house.

THE REALITY: First-time homebuyers typically put around 7% down, according to data from the National Association of Realtors. □

Associated Press

NYC announces debt relief plan for struggling taxi drivers

By **KAREN MATTHEWS**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City taxi drivers who owe hundreds of thousands of dollars on loans they took out to operate yellow cabs will see their burdens reduced substantially under a debt relief program announced Tuesday.

Under the program announced by city officials, the New York City Taxi Workers Alliance and taxi medallion lender Marblegate Asset Management, loans for 3,000 drivers who owe an average of \$550,000 will be restructured to a maximum of \$200,000. Of that, \$30,000 will be covered by a grant and the balance will be secured by a city-backed guarantee, the officials said.

The city-backed guarantee

means that drivers won't risk losing their homes if they default, said Bhairavi Desai, the executive director of the Taxi Workers Alliance, a drivers' union. "It's lifesaving and historic," she said.

Many taxi drivers who borrowed to buy the medallions that are required to operate a yellow cab landed in deep debt when the value of a medallion plunged from more than \$1 million in 2014 to \$200,000 a few years later. Taxi industry representatives blamed predatory lending practices as well as ride-hailing services like Uber for the crisis. City officials, the taxi alliance and Marblegate reached a tentative debt relief agreement in November of last year and worked out the details over the last

several months. Under the plan announced Tuesday, medallion owners can apply to refinance their loans starting Sept. 19.

Andrew Milgram, managing partner and chief investment officer of Marblegate Asset Management, said drivers should not wait to apply. "With a rapidly changing economy, it is vital drivers act in the month of September to realize meaningful debt forgiveness and a sizable reduction in their monthly loan payments," Milgram said in a statement.

Mayor Eric Adams, a Democrat, praised the deal hammered out by members of his administration including the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

"Our taxicab medallion



The medallion of taxi driver and taxi medallion owner Marcelino Hervias is affixed to the hood of his taxicab on New York's Upper West Side on June 26, 2017.

Associated Press

owners and drivers have always kept New York City moving, and it is finally time we pay it forward with real debt relief for owners in need," Adams said. "We

are likely putting tens of thousands of dollars back into the pockets of these owner-drivers and showing them what real relief looks like." □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF BIRDS CAN GLIDE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, THEN WHY CAN'T I? — ORVILLE WRIGHT

Dangerous heat predicted to hit 3 times more often in future



Nicole Brown wipes sweat from her face while setting up her beverage stand near the National Mall on July 22, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

What's considered officially "dangerous heat" in coming decades will likely hit much of the world at least three times more often as climate change worsens, according to a new study. In much of Earth's wealthy mid-latitudes, spiking temperatures and humidity that feel like 103 degrees (39.4 degrees Celsius) or higher -- now an occasional summer shock — statistically should happen 20 to 50 times a year by mid-century, said a study Monday in the journal *Communications Earth & Environment*. By 2100, that brutal heat index may linger for most of the summer for places like the U.S. Southeast, the study's author said.

And it's far worse for the sticky tropics. The study said a heat index considered "extremely dangerous" where the feels-like heat index exceeds 124 degrees (51 degrees Celsius) — now something that rarely happens — will likely strike a tropical belt that includes India one to four weeks a year by century's end.

"So that's kind of the scary thing about this," said study author Lucas Zeppetello, a Harvard climate scientist. "That's something where potentially billions of people are going to be exposed to extremely dangerous levels of heat very regularly. So something that's gone from virtually never happening before will go to something that is happening every year."

Zeppetello and colleagues used more than 1,000 computer simulations to look at the probabilities of two different levels of high heat -- heat indexes of 103 degrees (39.4 Celsius) and above 124 degrees (51 Celsius), which are dangerous and extremely dangerous thresholds according to the U.S. National Weather Service. They calculated for the years 2050 and 2100 and compared that to how often that heat happened each year across the world from 1979 to 1998.

The study found a three- to ten-fold increase in 103-degree heat in the mid-latitudes even in the unlikely best-case scenario of global warming limited to only 3.6 degrees (2 degrees Celsius) since pre-industrial times -- the less stringent of two international goals. There's only a 5% chance for warming to be that low and that infrequent, the study found. What's more likely, according to the study, is that the 103-degree heat will steam the tropics "during most days of each typical year" by 2100. Chicago hit that 103 degree heat index level only four times from 1979 to 1998. But the study's most likely scenario shows Chicago hitting that hot-and-sticky threshold 11 times a year by the end of the century.

Heat waves are one of the new four horsemen of apocalyptic climate change, along with sea level rise, water scarcity and changes in the over-

all ecosystem, said Zeppetello, who did much of the research at University of Washington state during the warming-charged 2021 heat wave that shattered records and killed thousands.

"Sadly, the horrific predictions shown in this study are credible," climate scientist Jennifer Francis of the Woodwell Climate Research Center, who was not part of the study team, said in an email. "The past two summers have provided a window into our steamy future, with lethal heat waves in Europe, China, northwestern North America, India, the south-central U.S., the U.K., central Siberia, and even New England. Already hot places will become uninhabitable as heat indices exceed dangerous thresholds, affecting humans and ecosystems alike. Areas where extreme heat is now rare will also suffer increasingly, as infrastructure and living things are ill-adapted to the crushing heat."

The study focuses on the heat index and that's smart because it's not just heat but the combination with humidity that hurts health, said Harvard School of Public Health professor Dr. Renee Salas, who is an emergency room physician.

"As the heat index rises, it becomes harder and harder to cool our bodies," Salas, who wasn't part of the research team, said in an email. "Heat stroke is a potentially deadly form of heat illness that occurs when body temperatures rise to dangerous levels." The study is based on mathematical probabilities instead of other climate research that looks at what happens at various carbon pollution levels. Because of that, University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann is more skeptical of this research. It also doesn't take into account landmark U.S. climate legislation that President Joe Biden signed earlier this month or new efforts by Australia, he said. □

Google becoming FIBA's 1st women's-only hoops global partner

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

Google is increasing its investment in basketball, becoming the first women's-only global partner with FIBA.

The internet company entered a multiyear partnership with the WNBA in 2021 and now is working with basketball's world governing body, which has nine global partners for both men's and women's basketball.

"It opens up a wide range of opportunities not only for the exposure of women's basketball, but also it gives a sense of validation for all those members of our women's basketball community, from volunteers in clubs around the world all the way to the top executives in leagues and federations," FIBA Secretary General Andreas Zagklis told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

"If a company like Google believes in the potential of women's basketball, it is clear that what we have been trying to do, bringing women's basketball closer to the average basketball fan as well as opening up to new audiences, is gradually becoming a reality."

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Fall books a broad mix of literary and commercial favorites

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NEW YORK (AP) — Anticipation for one of the fall's likeliest bestsellers has been growing all year.

For months, Colleen Hoover's millions of fans on TikTok, Instagram and elsewhere have been talking up and posting early excerpts from her novel "It Starts With Us." By summer, the author's sequel to her bestselling "It Ends With Us" had already reached the top 10 Amazon.com. It might have climbed higher but for competition from other Hoover novels, including "Ugly Love," "Verity" and, of course, "It Ends With Us," the dramatic tale of a love triangle and a woman's endurance of domestic abuse that young TikTok users have embraced and helped make Hoover the country's most popular fiction writer.

Hoover's extraordinary run on bestseller lists, from Amazon.com to The New York Times, has been Beatlesque for much of 2022, with four or more books likely to appear in the top 10 at a given moment. "It Starts With Us" had been so eagerly desired by her admirers — CoHorts, some call themselves — that she broke a personal rule: Don't let "outside influences" determine her next book.

"I never allowed myself to entertain a sequel, but with the amount of people emailing me every day and tagging me in an online petition to write about (those characters), their story began to build in my head in the same way my other books begin," she told The Associated Press in a recent email. "Eventually I craved telling this story as much as I did my other stories, so I owe the readers a big thank you for the nudg-



This combination of cover images show various novels releasing this fall, top row from left, "Bliss Montage" by Ling Ma, "The Book of Goose" by Yiyun Li, "Dinosaurs" by Lydia Millet, "It Starts With Us" by Colleen Hoover and "The Last Chairlift" by John Irving, second row from left, "Less is Lost" by Andrew Sean Greer, "Liberation Day" by George Saunders, "Lucy by the Sea" by Elizabeth Strout, "The Magic Kingdom" by Russell Banks, "Natural History" by Andrea Barrett, bottom row from left, "Now is Not the Time to Panic" by Kevin Wilson, "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng, "The Passenger" by Cormac McCarthy, "Shrines of Gaiety" by Kate Atkinson and "Stella Maris" by Stella Maris.

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ing."

Hoover's new book should help extend what has been another solid year for the industry. Booksellers are looking forward to a mix of commercial favorites such as Hoover, Anthony Horowitz, Beverly Jenkins and Veronica Roth alongside what Barnes & Noble CEO James Daunt calls a "really strong" lineup of literary releases, including novels by Ian McEwan and Kate Atkinson.

The fall also will feature new fiction from Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk and Pulitzer Prize-winners Elizabeth Strout and Andrew Sean

Greer. Celeste Ng's "Our Missing Hearts" is her first novel since "Little Fires Everywhere."

Story collections are expected from George Saunders, Andrea Barrett and Ling Ma, along with novels by Percival Everett, Barbara Kingsolver, Kevin Wilson, N.K. Jemisin, Lydia Millet and Yiyun Li.

Joe Concha's "Come On, Man!: The Truth About Joe Biden's Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Presidency" is the most colorfully named of the latest round of books attacking an incumbent president — a long and profitable

publishing tradition. But the most high-profile works of political reporting dwell on Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, among them "Confidence Man," by The New York Times' Maggie Haberman, and "The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017–2021," by Peter Baker of the Times and Susan Glasser of The New Yorker.

Michelle Obama's "The Light We Carry" is her first entirely new book since her worldwide bestseller from 2018, "Becoming." Benjamin Netanyahu's "Bibi" is the first memoir by the former Israeli Prime Minister, while American politicians with new books include Rep. Cori Bush of Missouri, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Texas gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke.

Celebrity books include Bono's "Surrender," Matthew Perry's "Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing" and Geena Davis' "Dying of Po-

liteness." Bob Dylan reflects upon an art form he helped reinvent in "The Philosophy of Modern Song," while the title of Jan Wenner's memoir invokes the Dylan classic that helped inspire the name of the magazine he founded, "Like a Rolling Stone."

History books will cover the famous and the overlooked. Among the former are Pulitzer-winner Jon Meacham's "And There Was Light," the latest entry into the canon of Abraham Lincoln scholarship, and Pulitzer-winner Stacy Schiff's biography of Samuel Adams, "The Revolutionary." Fred Kaplan, who focused on Lincoln's prose in "Lincoln: The Biography of a Writer," now assesses Thomas Jefferson in "His Masterly Pen: A Biography of Jefferson the Writer."

Releases highlighting those less remembered include Kevin Hazzard's "American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics," and Katie Hickman's "Brave Hearted: The Women of the American West." With the overturning last summer of Roe v. Wade, Laura Kaplan's "The Story of Jane" is a timely reissue of her 1995 book about the underground abortion counseling service founded in Chicago in 1969, four years before the Supreme Court's historic Roe ruling. Bruce Henderson's "Bridge to the Sun" centers on the recruitment of Japanese-Americans, some of whom had been in internment camps, to assist in U.S. intelligence gathering during World War II.

"It was really hard to research because many of them had been working on top secret projects, and, even after they had been discharged, were reminded that they were under the National Security Act and that military secrets had to be kept," Henderson says. "We had to do a lot of digging and contact families and see what the veterans had left behind. Of the six guys that I follow in my book, only one was still alive." □



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Big moments in PGA Tour season lost amid LIV Golf

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

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ATLANTA (AP) — Two weeks after Justin Thomas won the PGA Championship with a record-tying comeback and a defining shot in a playoff, Dustin Johnson led a pack of players over to LIV Golf.

Two days after Tiger Woods strode across the Swilcan Bridge at St. Andrews for what might be the last time, Cameron Smith sat next to the claret jug and sidestepped questions about his inevitable departure to the Saudi-funded rival league.

There was no escaping. Players kept talking because the media kept asking.

And now the PGA Tour season is over and LIV fills the void, claiming six more players Tuesday, the biggest of them Smith, the "champion golfer of the year" and No. 2 in the world.

The next big event — at least on network TV — will be the Presidents Cup at Quail Hollow, where LIV Golf is sure to be front and center because of who's not there. Five players from the last International team at Royal Melbourne now are with LIV Golf (so are three Americans from the 2019 matches).

As one former major champion said in early June



Tiger Woods tips his cap as he walks to the 18th green during the final round at the Masters golf tournament on Sunday, April 10, 2022, in Augusta, Ga.

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when LIV Golf was about to launch, "The tour lost market shares." That's 32 shares — the number of PGA Tour players in the 48-man LIV field outside Boston.

What the tour also lost to LIV was a season of remarkable moments that were overshadowed, sometimes within hours, by the endless chatter about a rival league.

Scottie Scheffler went from no wins to No. 1 in the world in span of six weeks and then two weeks later was fitted for a Masters green jacket. Smith had one of

the greatest closing nines in British Open history. Rory McIlroy tied a nice bow around the season with a record comeback in the Tour Championship for a third FedEx Cup title. It was a chance for him to finally talk about his golf instead of his opposition to LIV Golf. Of course, he managed to do both.

The biggest moment? Leave that to the players, who had their own criteria. "The first thing that comes to mind is Cam Smith's back nine," Adam Scott said. "That's got to go down

as one of the best nines in Open history. Given it was the 150th Open Championship and it was the pinnacle of the year and he shot 30 on the back nine, I say that."

Jordan Spieth, who grew up with Scheffler in Dallas, pointed to the 18th green at Augusta National. Scheffler had a five-shot lead going to the last hole and finally allowed it to sink in that he was about to become a Masters champion. And then he four-putted. "For me, having watched him grow up, from my per-

spective it was Scottie's laugh on the 18th green in Augusta before his fourth putt," Spieth said. "It showed the lightness of him and the heaviness of the whole situation."

Jon Rahm was struck by the emotion of winless Will Zalatoris having twice lost in a playoff, twice been runner-up in a major and then making a 10-foot putt in regulation and screaming in his best Steph Curry impersonation, "What are they gonna say now?" He went on to win the FedEx St. Jude Championship, the first FedEx Cup playoffs event.

"I know how hard it is to get your first win. I'm one of the lucky ones that was able to get it done early," Rahm said. "For him to have heartbreaks this year, especially in the majors, to get to that situation ... I know there are moments of a lot more magnitude, but I pick that just because of how I feel for him."

Big moments in golf tend to be built around the majors, and there were indelible moments: Smith's putt around the Road Hole bunker, Matt Fitzpatrick's 9-iron from a bunker that secured his U.S. Open title at Brookline, the 3-wood Thomas hit onto the par-4 17th green in the playoff at Southern Hills. □

Evenepoel increases Vuelta lead with time-trial victory

ALICANTE, Spain (AP) — Remco Evenepoel came into the Spanish Vuelta with the goal of winning a stage.

He accomplished that in style on Tuesday and now also sees himself in position to take the general classification title as well.

The Belgian rider from team Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl pulled off an impressive time-trial victory in the 10th stage in Alicante, increasing his overall lead.

"It's super nice to win this time trial in the red jersey," the 22-year-old Evenepoel said. "It's an amazing feeling. I think I achieved my dream."

Evenepoel was 48 seconds

faster than second-place Primož Roglič, taking his general classification lead over the three-time defending champion to 2 minutes, 41 seconds with 11 stages left.

"That's a big surprise," Evenepoel said when told of his gap to his rival from team Jumbo-Visma. "Now we're going to fight and we're going to try to win this Vuelta. The pressure is off. I won a stage. Now the whole team is super confident. Everybody is performing so well. Now we just have to fight to keep this jersey and take it home."

Evenepoel is the first rider to beat Roglič in an individual time trial in the Vuelta. He

is also the first Belgian to win an individual time trial in the Vuelta since Fons De Wolf in Valladolid in 1979. Enric Mas, the Spaniard from team Movistar, dropped from second to third in the general classification, sitting more than three minutes off the lead. Fellow Spaniard Carlos Rodríguez was nearly four minutes behind Evenepoel in fourth place.

Riders will face a flat 11th stage that will favor the sprinters on Wednesday. Nearly two dozen riders had to withdraw from the race because of positive coronavirus tests, including Sam Bennett, a two-time stage winner this year.



Belgium rider Remco Evenepoel of the Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl team competes during the Individual time-trial stage of La Vuelta cycling race between Elche and Alicante, eastern Spain, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

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Monday's rest day came in handy for Astana rider Alexey Lutsenko, who took

advantage of the time off to be with his wife for the birth of his son. □

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Swiatek takes an easy first step in search of U.S. Open title

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Iga Swiatek remembers when she was hardly noticed, so she was excited to see a photo of herself on an advertisement in Times Square.

Once little known, it's now bright lights, big city for the No. 1 women's tennis player.

"Just trying to enjoy that because I remember times where it was pretty hard for anybody to see me or hear me," Swiatek said. "Yeah, it just shows how much progress I have done on court, but also off court that I am in such a spot."

Think how much bigger she'll be in New York if she wins the U.S. Open.

The top seed took the first step Tuesday, beating Jasmine Paolini 6-3, 6-0 in a little more than an hour.

Swiatek knows it won't be easy to regain the form that led her to 37 straight victories this year. But all it takes is seven to win another Grand Slam title.

Swiatek is just 5-4 since her winning streak that included a second French Open crown. But she looked sharp in rolling through the second set in front of red-



Iga Swiatek, of Poland, returns a shot to Jasmine Paolini, of Italy, during the first round of the US Open tennis championships, Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022, in New York.

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dressed Polish fans inside Louis Armstrong Stadium.

"For sure in first set at the beginning, you know, I played a pretty solid game, but I needed to take it up to another level," Swiatek said. "I did that at the end and in second set, so I'm pretty proud of that."

Other straight-set winners

early on the second day of the tournament were No. 6 Aryna Sabalenka, No. 8 Jessica Pegula and No. 9 Garbiñe Muguruza. Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina lost 6-4, 6-4 to Clara Burel of France.

Venus Williams dropped the first set of her match to Alison Van Uytvanck on Tues-

day, a night after younger sister Serena opened what could be the final tournament of her career with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Danka Kovinic.

The U.S. Tennis Association announced Tuesday that Williams would lead off the night session again Wednesday in Arthur Ashe Stadium, this time against No. 2 seed Anett Kontaveit. Swiatek said she watched only two games of Williams' victory Monday, with an early start ahead of her. She is trying to become the first player to win seven or more titles in a season since Serena did it in 2014.

Swiatek may be toughest to beat on the red clay of Roland Garros, but she's already shown she can handle the hard courts, winning titles at Indian Wells and Miami earlier this year. "She's still No. 1 in the world and still going to compete really well and going to be tough to beat no mat-

ter what," said Pegula, who lost to Swiatek in the French Open quarterfinals.

Rybakina won the next Grand Slam, but it didn't do her any good in the rankings because no points were awarded at Wimbledon this year. The men's and women's tours took that step after the All England Club barred Russian and Belarussian players from competing because of the war in Ukraine.

Rybakina, who was born in Russia but represents Kazakhstan, said before this tournament she thought that was unfair, adding she didn't even feel like a Wimbledon champion. The No. 25 seed wasn't scheduled like one in Flushing Meadows, with her opening match played on an outer court.

No. 22 seed Karolina Pliskova, the 2016 U.S. Open runner-up, needed a third-set tiebreaker to edge Magda Linette, but No. 16 Jelena Ostapenko was ousted by China's Zheng Qinwen.

Carlos Alcaraz moved into the second round when his opponent was forced to stop because of injury in the third set. The No. 3 seed led Sebastian Baez 7-5, 7-5, 2-0 when the Argentine player motioned he couldn't continue because of leg pain or cramps.

Alcaraz's U.S. Open ended last year in a similar manner. He reached the quarterfinals at 18, the youngest man to get that far in New York in the professional era, before stopping in the second set of his loss to Felix Auger-Aliassime because of an upper right leg injury. No. 7 Cam Norrie and 17th-seeded Grigor Dimitrov won in straight sets on the men's side, with No. 2 Rafael Nadal set to play Tuesday night. □

